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Plan for the Development of Understandings between Geographic Intelligence Facilities which will Facilitate CIA Preparedness for Wartime Operations

Purpose

1. To effect an exchange of information on the relocation plans of major producers of geographic intelligence at headquarters.
2. To effect an exchange of information on the probable resources and requirements of the geographic intelligence facilities in wartime.
3. To develop informal understandings which will facilitate cooperation between geographic intelligence facilities and further assume the timeliness and accuracy of geographic intelligence production in wartime.

Agencies Involved

1. Topographic and Survey Branch, ACSI,
2. Army Map Service (to cover ESID, MEB, ),
3. U. S. Geological Survey, Military Geology Branch,
4. Office of Naval Intelligence,
5. Hydrographic Office,
6. AFCIN-3 (Directorate of Targets),
7. ACIC, St. Louis,
8. Office of Geography, Dept. of Interior,
9. Strategic Air Command, Omaha,
10. GRA, CIA

Procedure

The GRA Emergency Plan approaches the problem of wartime operations from the separate standpoints of substantive research, cartographic production, map procurement, and map library maintenance. GRA interests in the plans and capabilities of other facilities accordingly vary from one agency to another. The following procedure should thus be followed in developing inter-facility understandings:

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1. Contact each facility separately by letter and propose a meeting to discuss common problems of emergency operations. The agenda given below might be outlined as the basis for discussion.

2. Based on the meetings with individual agencies, convene a meeting of all facilities to discuss the formulation of joint arrangements for geographic intelligence coordination.

3. Report to the SA/DD/I and make recommendations, as appropriate.

Agenda for Meetings

1. Plans for relocation (alert team, vital storage, availability of a relocation site).

2. Personnel and documentary resources available for emergency operations.

3. Requirements expected to be levied on other facilities in an emergency.

4. Capabilities for support of the departmental tasks of other facilities.

5. Method of liaison and communication during emergency operations.

6. Desirability of establishing formal committees or other bodies which would be concerned with common problems and objectives of geographic intelligence, to include:

a. Committee to investigate and monitor major gaps in geographic intelligence.

b. Committee to establish a register of geographic intelligence projects.

c. Committee to coordinate emergency plans, facilities, and requirements.

d. Committee to formulate and coordinate joint-agency programs on subjects of major importance to geographic intelligence production.

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